



Department of Chemistry



Supporting Neuroinclusion in the Chemical Sciences

University of York, Department of Chemistry, Room C/A/101
Wednesday 10th September 2025

10:00-10:30 Pre-meeting refreshments in the Chemistry Nucleus

Session 1: 10:30-12:20

Session chair: Dr John Slattery

10:30-10:35 Welcome and introduction from Dr Derek Wann (Head of Department, Chemistry)

10:35-10:40 Welcome from Professor Kiran Trehan (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Enterprise, Partnerships and Engagement)

10:40-11:15 Dr Ilaria Meazzini, Senior Programme Manager, Inclusion & Diversity, Royal Society of Chemistry, UK

"Making chemistry accessible for all: an update on RSC's latest research"

11:15-11:25 Session break - online delegates to Breakout Room

11:25-11:45 Dr Vijesh Bhute and Grace Wiggall, Imperial College London, UK

"Neurodiversity in Focus-Listening, Learning, and Designing for Inclusion"

11:45-12:05 Dr Kevin Morgan, Queen's University Belfast, UK **(Online talk)**

"Use of Universal Design for Learning to Support Neurodivergent Learners in STEM"

12:05-12:20 Flash poster presentations

12:20-13:15 Lunch (Chemistry Nucleus) and poster session (in C/A/122)

Session 2: 13:15-15:00

Session chair: Dr Jon Agirre

13:15-13:50 Dr David Pugh, Department of Chemistry, University of York, UK

"Considering neurodiversity in taught laboratory environments"

13:50-14:10 Michael Hughes, University of Manchester, UK

"Badges, Belonging and the Bench: Rethinking Neuroinclusion without labels in the Chemical Sciences"

14:10-14:20 Session break

14:20-14:40 Dr Clare Stevenson, John Innes Centre, UK **(Online talk)**

"A BBSRC funded connecting culture project to Understand, Value and Celebrate Neurodiversity"

14:40-15:00 Claire Toogood, The Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS), UK and Lucie Stanworth, The University of York, UK

"Careers in the Chemical Sciences: Capturing the Career Journeys of Neurodivergent Students"

15:00-15:30 Refreshment break (Chemistry Nucleus) and quiet poster viewing time (C/A/122)

Session 3: 15:30-16:00

Session chair: Dr Leonie Jones

15:30-16:00 Panel and audience discussion on “*Actions to implement now and future work needed to support neuroinclusion in the chemical sciences*” (Panel: Charlie Morris (University of Durham), Dr Ilaria Meazzini (Royal Society of Chemistry), Jenny Glynn (University of York), Professor Kathryn Cowtan (University of York), Dr Theo Tanner (University of Oxford))

16:00-17:00 Post-meeting reception (in the Chemistry Nucleus) and poster session (in C/A/122)